

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Savages

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1200765.000

Medium: Film

Distributor: Paramount Pictures International New Zealand

Director: Oliver Stone

FVLB Applicant: Paramount Pictures International New Zealand

Producer: Moritz Borman
Eric Kopeloff

Country of origin: United States

Language: English, Spanish

Applicant: Film & Video Labelling Body

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: Contains violence, offensive language, drug use and sex scenes.

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 24 August 2012

Date of direction to issue a label: 23 August 2012

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

	Components	Running time
Feature(s):	Savages	130:01
Total running time:		130:01

Summary of reasons for decision:

Savages is an American crime-thriller film about two marijuana growers whose shared girlfriend is kidnapped by the Mexican Baja Cartel. The original version of the film (OFLC Ref 1200539.000) was classified R18 with the descriptive note "contains violence, offensive language, drug use and sex scenes". The distributor resubmitted the film with 2 minutes 28 seconds of excised content which removes the most graphic detail from a torture scene. The Office concluded that the excised content was sufficient grounds to reduce the classification to R16, with a descriptive note "contains violence, offensive language, drug use and sex scenes".